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## Fifth Annual Blackburn Fundraiser "Run for the Cure" a huge success

On September 30, Blackburn's fifth annual community *Run for the Cure* saw over 150 adults, kids, pets and people raise a record breaking \$22,470 for breast cancer research.

People ran, walked and rolled the 5K course with pride and enthusiasm. Even the weather came out to support the event. The day was truly glorious.

"Thanks to the great community spirit in the Hamlet, the generosity of our business people, and a hard-working committee, the local *Run for the Cure* keeps getting bigger and better every year," said organizing committee chair, Lynn Sewell. "Again this year, due to our partnership with Freedom 55 Financial, \$6,000 raised by its employees and supporters will be matched by Freedom 55 Financial, resulting in an overall total of over \$20,000. Some folks like the atmosphere of the big event downtown, and that's great, but we've shown there are many who like the community feeling of our *Run*. We were delighted to

see a large group from Changes for Women at 2062 Innes Road join us this year. The Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation benefits from all of this."

It was especially inspiring to see several pink t-shirts among the crowd, signifying breast cancer survivors.

Participants were treated to refreshments compliments of Loeb Blackburn Hamlet before the Run, and to a great spread of pastries and fruit afterwards, supplied by the Blackburn Arms Pub Restaurant. The thirsty participants also enjoyed water from Shoppers Drug Mart.

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# President's Message

Recent news articles have brought two issues to the fore that are near and dear to Blackburn residents. These concern possible changes to the National Capital Commission's approach to the Greenbelt and the City's discussions around the future of the library.

It appears at this point that remarks relating to changes to **usage of the Greenbelt** were simply musings on the part of the chairman on the coaxing of a local reporter trying to stir up some news. Periodic reviews of the master plan for the greenbelt are required and one is now overdue. When it is underway, the Blackburn Community Association will monitor and become involved should there be any major changes be proposed.

Of more immediate concern is the **threat to our local library branch** as well as other services as raised by current budget deliberations. Many of our residents have been involved in past battles on these issues (particularly the library) and the BCA will likely need to lead the charge on this once again.

The BCA will be **taking part in the budget discussions**, and working to protect the **survival of the library** as well as **preservation of outdoor rinks, etc.** There will be more on this story as it unfolds. Please be prepared to give your support by way of petition signing, attendance at meetings, etc. should this become necessary. The survival of our "community heart" is at stake. In other news, we are welcoming two new businesses to the Hamlet. The first is a **new tenant for the**

**greenhouses on Tauvette** (see article on page 21). The deteriorating condition of this facility was a concern and the new tenant is investing considerable dollars in improvements.

The opening of the **Tim Hortons** has been eagerly anticipated by many for some time. Rest assured that, when construction is finished, some of the parking will again be freed up.

In both cases, the increase in activity will be a bonus for Blackburn. Hopefully both businesses will, when in full operation, provide jobs for some of our citizens (both youth and seniors). As well, the increase in activity at both locations will bring security benefits.

Finally, your Blackburn Community Association is here to help all residents. You are encouraged to contact any of the executive (listed on our masthead on page 4) with any of your concerns. Our **Annual General Meeting will be held on January 17th** and we would love to have some new volunteers.

Mark your calendar for the **Annual Winter Fun Day and Chili Contest on February 16, 1 to 3 pm.** Information at [www.blackburnhamlet.ca](http://www.blackburnhamlet.ca)

The BCA wants to wish everybody a healthy and happy holiday season. Please keep in mind those in our community who are less fortunate and contribute either to the local food bank (Joseph's Storehouse 834-9945) or the Gloucester Food Bank.

*Roger Smiley*

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## Run for Cure (cont'd from page 1)

The raffle produced about four dozen great prizes and raised some \$600, thanks to the generosity of the following: Blackburn Shoppes Dental Centre, Queens Pharmacy, J&S Service Station, Subway, Joe's Barber Shop, Lyn Novak Flowers, Think Travel Limited, Dr. Sati, Jumbo Restaurant, Hon. Royal Galipeau, Blackburn Chiropractor, Blackburn Animal Hospital, Bearbrook Dental, Blackburn Pharmacy, Dr. Bruce Harfield, Bunning & Farnand, Videoflicks, City of Ottawa, Changes for Women, Blackburn Physiotherapy, Hair Alive Salon, Imilio's Pizza, Spic & Span Cleaners, Unisex Hair and Nails, Children's Welcome Centre, Joe's Auto Repair, Shane Silva of Exit Realty, Sharlene Giuliani of Mary Kay, and Blackburn Barber Shop. Innes Ward Councillor Rainer Bloess also contributed numerous raffle prizes.

As is the tradition, Rainer again acted as the starter for the event, this time assisted by Phil McNeely, MPP. A new feature was the assembling of most participants on the grass outside the community centre for a group photo.

We are most grateful to webmaster, Helen Rosseau, ([www.blackburnhamlet.ca](http://www.blackburnhamlet.ca)) for her untiring work in keeping our event coverage up to date, and the vast number of pictures she took. We appreciate the coverage in the Banar, thanks to editor Evelyn Budd.

Blackburn Hamlet residents and others can look forward to another Run for the Cure next October 5, 2008, as we fight to overcome this terrible disease that affects one in eight Canadian women. For further information you may contact Lynn Sewell at 613-837-4792 or by email at [lynnstravel@rogers.com](mailto:lynnstravel@rogers.com).



## Bob MacQuarrie – “You deserved to be there”

by Amy Derickx

A scorching hot August 25 marked the commemorative naming ceremony for the Bob MacQuarrie Recreation Complex. Family, friends, former colleagues, and local area politicians packed the hall to formally recognize and acknowledge his 27 years of dedicated service to the residents of Gloucester.

For 19 years I have lived beside my grandparents in Blackburn Hamlet. Grandpa and I played, did homework, rode the #25 bus, and watched the late night news together. Never once did he make a point of telling me about his political endeavours or achievements. It was only after he died, (January 11, 2007) that I started to understand the volume of service and dedication he had invested in our community.

Each of the honours delivered emphasized features of my Grandpa I had not considered. Ottawa-Orléans MP, Royal Galipeau, explained why the complex was only being named now and not twenty years ago. “Most politicians look for photo ops, media coverage, and chances to be in the spotlight. Bob was a modest servant not a headline hunter.”

Andy Haydon, former Regional Chair of Ottawa-Carleton, agreed that this event was long overdue. Bob had brought Gloucester into the modern century. He worked not only for Gloucester but for the betterment



The MacQuarrie Family proudly display the commemorative plaque and photo that will hang at the Bob MacQuarrie Recreation Complex. From left to right: Marjorie, Debbie, Maureen, Bill, Eleanor and Doug.

of the entire region.

Michael Chambers, President of the Canadian Olympic Committee, had “the privilege of articling under Mr. MacQuarrie.” Chambers commended Bob’s vision for having ensured that parks and recreation facilities were available for growing communities.

Aunt Maureen and Uncle Doug extended thanks to all who were involved in the naming process, especially Councillor Bob Monette.

One story Uncle Doug shared had particular resonance. “As a kid, I always envied the other children whose fathers were there to coach and manage our many activities. When asked, ‘Why don’t I see your dad here helping with the team?’ I responded,

‘My dad IS helping! He’s not here because he’s working to ensure that we have parks, playgrounds, and sports facilities in which to play.’ Renaming one such facility in his honour is truly fitting.”

Gramp served his community from 1958 to 1985, in various capacities from Township Councillor to Reeve, Regional Government, and later as our MPP. He also served as member and chairperson of many township and regional boards.

Grandpa has left footprints that his children and grandchildren will find hard to fill, although, he has provided a clear path to follow. Sadly, he passed away before the official recognition. It’s a shame Gramp, you, above all deserved to be there.

Blackburn Community Association Annual General Meeting to be held January 17, 7:30 pm at Blackburn Library.

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# 2008 Budget deliberations underway

by Rainer Bloess, City Councillor

**O**n November 14 the City of Ottawa tabled its Draft 2008 Budget, launching four weeks of public consultation and heated debate at City Hall. This year, for the first time and at Council's request, a three-year draft Budget and financial plan was presented to carry the City through to the next municipal elections in 2010. City Council also requested several scenarios including options for the Mayor's promised zero per cent tax increase, a 1.4% increase to match inflation and a 3.4% increase.

Some serious number crunching is already underway. To deal with the projected shortfall, staff has put forward a number of controversial cost-cutting possibilities that could negatively affect transit service (decreases), user fees (increases), and both established community programming and several new and already approved projects. It remains to be seen whether the public has any more of an appetite for cuts that hit close to home this time around than in the past. The closure of our local library, for example, has been vigorously opposed in the past with strong public opposition preventing its closing. Unfortunately, the Library Board has put it back on the chopping block this year along with nine other small community libraries. Once again, we will need public involvement and support, if we are to keep our local library open.

Mayor Larry O'Brien remains determined to achieve his "zero means zero" election promise if at all possible and is hoping to find significant savings in administration rather than programs

and services. It is his hope that by reducing our overhead, increasing operational efficiency and adopting "smart management" we can avoid some of the more severe service reductions.

It is important to remember that our challenges are not unique. Most Ontario

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### Council's Committee of the Whole will receive public delegations from December 3rd to 7th

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municipalities are struggling as we are and lobbying for the uploading of social services back to the provincial level to ease the burden on our cities. Also worth noting is the fact that in Ottawa statistics show that the City is delivering the same level of programs and services as it did at the time of amalgamation in 2000 for 3.2 per cent less than it cost in 2000. We have been "holding the line" on taxes for so long that it may well be

about to snap after years of unrelenting pressure.

As you read this column, our east-end public consultation meeting will have already taken place but those with input can still be heard. Council's Committee of the Whole will receive public delegations from December 3rd to 7th prior to Council's deliberations and approval of the budget from December 10th through 14th. As always, direct contact with our office by phone or email is always an option for ward residents or you can visit the city website at [ottawa.ca](http://ottawa.ca).

**On the Horizon.** Support is building in some quarters of the NCC for the development of parts of the Greenbelt as a solution to urban sprawl. Keep your eyes open for the upcoming Greenbelt Masterplan Review.

As usual, if you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at 613-580-2472 or by email at [rainer.bloess@ottawa.ca](mailto:rainer.bloess@ottawa.ca).

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# L'Angleterre accueille les guides

par Viviane Côté-Maxwell

L'année 2006-2007 fut remplie de services, de camps, de sorties, de défis, de levée de fonds et de planification pour les 24 guides et animatrices qui préparaient un voyage en Angleterre afin de célébrer les 100 ans de la fondation du scoutisme par Lord Baden-Powell. La 34e Cie Franc-Ouest s'est jointe à nous avec ses 9 guides et animatrices pour ce voyage.



Les Guides sur le "Tower Bridge" à London, England.

Nous étions en Angleterre du 6 au 20 août. La première semaine à Londres fut ensoleillée le jour avec des 23 degrés. Nous avons visité le London Zoo où quelques prises de Harry Potter ont eu lieu puis The Tower of London, traversé le pont, visité le bateau musée HMS Belfast, Shakespeare Globe Theatre et même le London Eye, cette grande roue avec un superbe panorama de la ville. Nous avons été reçu à Canada House, puis à Baden Powell House et Pax Lodge, un des 4 centres mondiaux du guidisme.

Les guides étaient enchantées de voir que des scouts du monde, Chine, Norvège, Corée, Hollande et bien d'autres, nous arrêtaient dans les rues de Londres pour nous saluer et échanger des badges. Elles disaient qu'on se sentait dans la grande famille scout/guide.

« Afternoon Tea » dans le Coffee and Tea Museum fut une expérience. Nous avons aussi pris des repas dans des pubs, restaurant locaux et Pizza Hut de Covent Gardens. Naturellement, nous étions sous tente et à 90 minutes du centre de Londres soit en autobus, light rail ou tube. Nous avons bien connu le « underground » avec leur « Mind the

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Photo by Jean-Marc Carisse

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gap ». La soirée la plus inoubliable fut notre sortie au Apollo Victoria Theatre pour voir la pièce « Wicked ».

En autocar nolisé nous avons visité l'incroyable Stonehenge en se rendant à notre 2e terrain de camping. Après avoir visité Salisbury sous la pluie, sa magnifique cathédrale et un musée, fait un peu de shopping, nous avons repris la route vers Poole et le traversier pour notre dernière destinée, Brownsea Island. C'était le site du 1er camp de BP en 1907 et nous y sommes restées 4 nuits. Après une chasse aux trésors, une baignade dans l'eau fraîche, une BA; couper des rhododendrons, un 16 heures en équipe dans les bois, une soirée avec des scouts anglais, et des «low ropes» ce fut le temps de revenir.

Merci à tous nos commanditaires, aux



Low Ropes à Brownsea Island

parents, à tous ceux qui nous ont aidé lors de nos levées de fonds et tout spécialement à notre agent de voyage « Cruise Ship Centers » et « Virgin Atlantic » qui ont fait que ce voyage nous a coûté seulement 1125\$ par personne.

Cette année? oui nous continuons avec 14 guides et nous ferons notre guignolée autour de Westpark le 13 décembre pour la Banque alimentaire de Gloucester. Joyeux Noël à tous et merci encore.



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# A's Win 2007 Blackburn Fastball Championship

## Blackburn men's fastball league remains vibrant after 26 years

by Tyler Cox

The Blackburn Men's Fastball League (BMFL) enjoyed one of its most gripping playoffs in the league's 26-year history.

The A's outscored the Knights 9-8 in wild Game 3 of the BMFL's best-of-three finals on September 30. The score went back-and-forth all night, with the final out of the game coming at home plate when a sliding Knight was tagged by the A's catcher. With the win, the A's were crowned 2007 champions of the league.

"We couldn't ask for a more exciting series!" exclaimed A's captain Terry Jones. "The regular season's first-place Knights were unable to beat (the third-place A's) in four regular season games."



Jamie Blakely throws a pitch. "Strike!"

A's pitcher Will Lowe earned a win 9-8 in Game 3, defeating Knights' ace pitcher Jamie Blakely. Blakely led the league in 2007 with 10 regular season wins and 5 wins in the playoffs. For Lowe, the upset victory was exhilarating. Long-time BMFL member Dennis Murphy was on hand and commented: "Will had the second biggest smile at the park, and his dad Garrett, who was watching from the bleachers, had the biggest smile on his face. They've been through a lot together. Garrett was so proud."

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# Blackburn represented at World Tournaments

by Tyler Cox

In August, the Blackburn Bombers exceeded expectations at “the worlds of fastball” in two tournaments: The International Softball Congress’s World Tournament and the International Softball Congress II’s Tournament of Champions.

The prestigious tournaments host the world’s best in fast-pitch softball. The low-seeded Bombers turned many heads by winning their opening game in extra innings. In the end, the Bombers finished with a 1-3 record. Bombers’ captain Shannon Borho described the experience.

“We were competitive in all four of our games and gained respect from all of our opponents as all four games could have gone either way.”



Front Row (Left to Right): Jamie Blakely, Joel Langford, Joe Allen, Shannon Borho, Norm Manns, and Terry Jones. Back Row (Left to Right): Eric Sanchez, Ray Shanoush, Kevin Shonfield, Tyler Cox, Ryan Cox, Steve Walman, Stefan Sklepowicz, and Stéphane Vinette

The Bombers hope to return to the worlds in 2008, which will be held in Kimberly, Wisconsin.

The Blackburn Bombers are a team

comprised of select players from the Blackburn Men’s Fastball League. For more information about the league, please visit [www.bmfl.ca](http://www.bmfl.ca).

## Fastball (cont’d from 11)

The final standings came down to the 96th—and final—game of the regular season. In the end, the Knights came out on top, earning the award for first overall in the standings. “The BMFL is a great fastball league,” said BMFL President Wayne Hunter.

The BMFL is a vibrant recreational fast-pitch softball league based in Ottawa’s Blackburn Hamlet. The BMFL’s membership spans the local region and includes players from age 18 through 50-plus. The league is totally volunteer-run and has been active since 1982. Visit [www.bmfl.ca](http://www.bmfl.ca) for more details. Registration for the 2008 season will begin in February 2008. New players of all skill levels are welcome to register.



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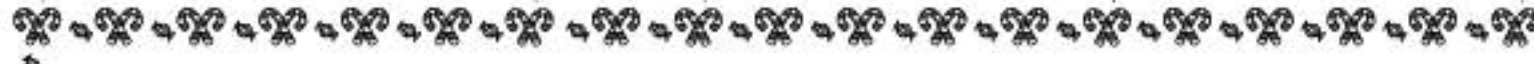
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## Are those “Dolch sight words” really that relevant?

by Kristin Hoddinott

The grade one teachers at my school always mystified me. Each year they would welcome 30 little ones through their doors and turn them into readers before sending them off again on summer vacation. How did they do that? It always seemed like such a daunting responsibility to me! Well, there isn't one single answer that unlocks the mystery of reading. And although the educational pendulum continues to swing back and forth, one thing seems to remain consistent in the grade one teachers' bag of tricks: the Dolch sight words.

Yes, roll your eyes – but just give me a second. Those pesky little flash cards are more valuable than you might think. The Dolch sight words are named after a man called E.W. Dolch. After surveying countless numbers of children's books between grades one to three, Mr. Dolch realized that the books all contained the same high frequency words (220 to be exact). Why is this relevant to your child's reading ability? Well, it is estimated that these 220 little words make up 50-75% of all reading material. Do I have your attention now?

Simply practicing these words with your child can make reading a whole lot easier. After all, being able to decode most of the words in a sentence can be enough to help your child understand its meaning. Imagine the difference this can make in your child's confidence!

The only thing you need to do is pick

up a pack of index cards, then go to your computer's search engine and type in Dolch sight words. You'll find numerous websites with the five lists: Pre-Primer, Primer, Grade 1, Grade 2, and Grade 3. The more high frequency words your child can memorize the better. But remember to break your lessons up into smaller segments. I would only recommend practicing five sight words a week. It would also be

beneficial to have your child point the words out in their favourite books. This is because your child also needs to see the words in context.

We all want our children to succeed in life. Literacy is a major component of your child's success in school and in the real world. Hopefully you're getting ready to dash down to the computer to print off those lists! Until next time – happy reading!



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# Fate of the Blackburn Library is on shaky ground

by Laura Czekaj

Our local library and nine other branches in neighbourhoods across the city will be considered for closure during the 2008 round of city budget deliberations.

Hamlet residents could be excused for experiencing a sense of déjà vu after going through a similar experience with their library during the 2004 budget.

The Blackburn Hamlet Community Association is monitoring the budget process carefully, but believes that the time has come for residents to express their thoughts on the possible closure of our library to city council and the city's library board.

In the weeks to come, the BCA will be holding various activities to gather support from Hamlet residents. That support will then be presented to the library board and city council in order to demonstrate how adamant we are that our library remains open.

Roger Smiley, BCA president, said that the association will continue to monitor the situation, and will provide input during the budget process to ensure the needs of the community are foremost in the thoughts of our elected representatives.

Information about how the community can participate in the process will be communicated through the BCA website that can be found at [www.blackburnhamlet.ca](http://www.blackburnhamlet.ca).

The potential branch closures are part of a larger attempt to examine what

kind of reductions and adjustments to a wide array of city services would be required to either keep property taxes frozen, or to allow for a slight increase. Either way cuts will have to be made.

The library board alone has been asked to find \$3.2 million, or 10%, in its operating budget over three years, as well as reaching an efficiency target of 3%, or \$830,000 over the same period.

Part of the way they could find the

savings would be through the closure of 10 of the city's 33 branch libraries..

Although the budget process is still in its early stages, the concern remains that if Blackburn Hamlet residents remain silent about their desire to keep their library, it could fall victim to the executioner's axe.

"If residents value their library service, they need to speak up now to

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**Fate of Blackburn Library (continued from page 17)**

ensure that they are heard," said Innes councillor Rainer Bloess. "I wasn't elected to cut these services and I will be diligent, as usual, to make certain that this closure does not happen."

There are several ways to let city council know that keeping our library open is not up for debate.

Public consultations will be held during the budget deliberation process and Hamlet residents are being encouraged to attend and speak in order to make sure our voices, and our concerns, are heard.

Information on the meetings and the draft budget can be found at Councillor Rainer Bloess' website at

www.rainerbloess.com or at the City of Ottawa website at www.city.ottawa.on.ca.

For those who can't make it out to the meetings, but want to participate in the push to save our library, you can contact Councillor Rainer Bloess by e-mail at Rainer.Bloess@ottawa.ca, or by phone at 613-580-2472. Calls and e-mails can also be made to Councillor Jan Harder, chair of the library board, at Jan.Harder@ottawa.ca or 613-580-2473, or the library board at board@BiblioOttawaLibrary.ca, or 613-580-2424, ext. 32178.

Information on the library can also be obtained at www.biblioottawalibrary.ca/archive/board/2007/071105/071105\_03c.pdf.

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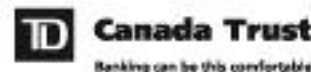
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The day started with a rousing rendition of *O Canada!* led by Garth Hampson. Dan Biocchi, a Canadian sprinter who competed at the 1976 Olympics shared his story of growing up with very little but emphasized how sport helped him achieve great success. A number of students from Louis-Riel high school volunteered their time for the day and acted as coaches and referees for the four teams. They did an excellent job of teaching and leading their teams.

The Ottawa-Carleton Ultimate Frisbee Association ran the ultimate Frisbee venue, introducing the sport to many of the participants and igniting a new passion in some. There is even some talk among them of starting a team in Blackburn in the spring.

Everyone enjoyed a barbecue lunch thanks to generous donations from Giant Tiger, Weston Bakeries, Loeb, and Teen Fuel. Volunteers scrambled to try to provide warm drinks and warm spots to eat during lunch.

There was scarcely a complaint during lunch as everyone tried out



new sport courtesy of a number of local sport organizations who came by during the lunch break to talk to the kids and let them try out different sports. Pam and Ken Naylor from Orleans Amateur Fastball Association

brought their own booth where the kids tried out pitching and batting. Dale Bemben from the Blackburn Badminton Club brought out some racquets and managed to turn a

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group of observers into participants within minutes!

Representatives from NX Martial Arts & Fitness took charge of another group in the skating hut and taught them some jiu jitsu moves that warmed them up! Mr. and Mrs. Benfield of the Blackburn Tennis Club dropped by hoping for a break in the weather so they could let some of the kids try out tennis but unfortunately the weather did not cooperate – maybe next year!

A representative from True Sport was on hand to talk about their priorities (fairness, excellence, inclusion, and fun) with the representatives of the sport organizations and some funding opportunities that they can access.

The day ended with an awards ceremony. The team

coaches each a “True Sport” award to the athlete on their team who best represented the philosophy of True Sport. Thanks to the generosity of local businesses and Councillor Rainer Bloess, there were prizes for every participant. A special thanks goes to the Blackburn Hamlet Community Association for sponsoring the event this year.

When you see someone walking around with their “I played for KidSport... So ALL Kids Can Play” t-shirt you will know that they were involved in this special event that gave kids in our community the chance to play together and help others have the opportunity to play too. We can’t wait to do this again next year...maybe in the sunshine!

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## Santa's Pancake Breakfast Tradition

Last Christmas the Children's Welcome Centre invited local families to join in a new community tradition. A sold-out crowd came to enjoy the 2006 Santa's Pancake Breakfast at Blackburn Community Hall.

We all took advantage of the 'all you can eat' pancakes and sausages. Our many donor and supporters helped to cover the cost of the food, as well as coffee and tea and juice for the kids. Every child had the chance to make a beautiful Christmas craft and decorate Christmas cookies. Letters to Santa were collected and mailed directly to the big man himself.

Many thanks also to our photographer, who donated her time to keep the cost of the photos with Santa down to the low price of \$5.

**Join us at the 2007 Pancake Breakfast.** This year Santa's Pancake Breakfast is schedule for **December 8th**. Tickets cost \$7 per adult, \$5 per child. Photos with Santa are \$5 each. There is no charge for a visit with Santa. We have even more items for our raffle table than last year, all from local businesses and supporters.

There are two seatings to allow more families to enjoy the event, and easily schedule photos. First seating starts at 8:00 a.m., and second seating starts at 9:30 a.m.

To purchase tickets call 834-7075 or stop by the Children's Welcome Centre, 2514 Innes Road. For info: [www.childrenswelcomecentre.com](http://www.childrenswelcomecentre.com).

## Tauvette greenhouses active again

by Roger Smiley

The National Capital Commission and Hydro'ganic Greenhouses Inc. have recently reached a long term leasing arrangement for the Tauvette Greenhouses.

This new business to Blackburn will be repairing and upgrading the existing office and seven greenhouses in order to introduce an innovative system using hydroponic and organic cultivation. The initial plans call for the year-round production of pesticide and herbicide free produce. The early focus will be limited to three specific crops.

Current efforts are directed at the necessary retrofit, and production will likely begin by spring. Hydro'ganic

intends to hold an open house once the operation is in full swing in order to meet their new neighbours.

This use will affect only the south portion of the patch of NCC land beside Tauvette. The signs outlining the usage requested by a former tenant will be replaced by signs showing the new tenant's needs. Those using these NCC lands will be pleased to see that the public can now access more land than under the previous arrangement.

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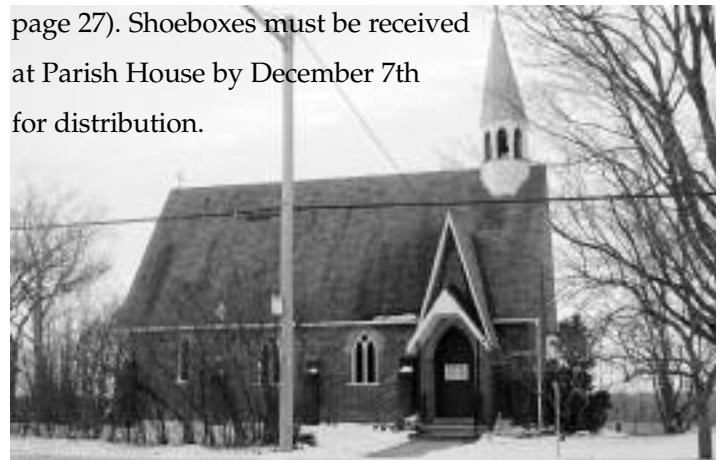
## Making a difference in the community and world

The singers and musicians of both Saint Mary the Virgin Parish and the Hamlet have run a successful series of concerts that raised money for the CrossTown Youth Chorus as well as for repairs to the Bell Tower at the little church built in 1879 on Navan Road. Time had rotted timbers and a racoon had been munching away on the bell rope. Performers have included well known Ottawa monologist Eric Smith, tenor David Galbraith, Garth Hampson, John Holding and his musicians. The concert on Remembrance Day once again had a capacity crowd who honoured our war veterans with period songs and readings. There will be an evening of Carols and Lessons on December 9th to finish off the year. Look for more of these popular concerts in the new year.

All the computers that you've been dropping off at the Parish House are on their way to Afghanistan. The World Computer Exchange filled their first container with computers from the Ottawa area and had a send off party for them on November 10th. By bringing computers that

meet the criteria to the Parish House, you not only save them from the land fill; you help those in need and work for a better world!

Once again this year we are collecting shoeboxes filled with daily toiletry items or warm scarves and mittens to be given to those in need at Centre 454 or the Well. You can pick up a shoebox at the Parish House and get information about what goes into a shoebox by visiting our website at [www.stmarysblackburn.ca](http://www.stmarysblackburn.ca) or by calling Parish House (see page 27). Shoeboxes must be received at Parish House by December 7th for distribution.



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An estimated 13 million children have been orphaned by AIDS in Africa with the number expected to reach 20 million by 2010. In some countries 40–60% of orphans live in grandmother-headed households. These grandmothers have buried their own children on whom they were often dependent and are now raising their grandchildren with little or no support. Funds raised provide much needed assistance for such things as food, school fees and uniforms and income-generating projects.

Anyone interested in more information or in joining this group, please contact Myrtle Blinn at [mbblinn@rogers.com](mailto:mbblinn@rogers.com) or Eva Dawson at [eviedawson@sympatico.ca](mailto:eviedawson@sympatico.ca)

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Call Valerie White at 613-837-1083 or Gladys Kilpatrick at 613-824-5096 to reserve your spot.

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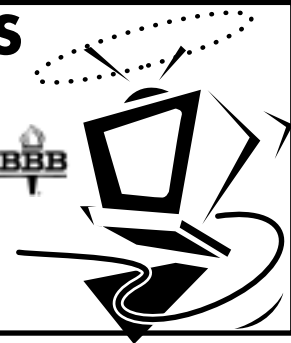
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# Blackburn and Area Community Event Calendar

Sponsored by the Anglican Parish of St. Mary the Virgin

Check out St.  
Mary's!

## Advent Lessons and Carols December 9, 4-5 pm

Come experience the music and promise of this season at the Church at 2750 Navan Rd.

## Community Poetry Night January 14, 7 pm St. Mary's Parish House

## Parish House Drop-In

2672 Innes Road  
Tuesday - Friday 9:30 am - noon

## Contact

613.590.0677  
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## Programs

- Sunday School Program  
Computer, Cell Phone and Ink Cartridge Recycling
- Bible Study
- Knitting and Craft Club
- Drop-in Christian Resources and Discussion

## Worship Services

### Sunday

8:30 am.....Navan Road Church  
2750 Navan Rd.

10 am.....Louis Riel High School  
1655 Bearbrook Rd.

### Mid-Week

(1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays of the Month)

1<sup>st</sup> Tues. at 2pm.....Blackburn Lodge  
2412 Cleroux Cres.

2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. at 2pm.....Bearbrook Court  
2645 Innes Rd.

## December

Thurs. 6, 7:30 pm  
Fri. 7, 12 noon  
Fri. 7, Sat. 8, 7:30 pm  
Sat. 8, 8 & 9 am  
Sat. 8, 8:00 pm  
Sun. 9, 4:00 pm  
Tues. 11, 7:30 pm  
Thurs. 13, 7:30 pm  
Thurs. 20, TBD

### Bible Study, St. Mary's Parish House

Deadline to drop off Christmas Shoeboxes at St. Mary's Parish House (see page 22)  
Coro Vivo Ottawa Christmas Concert, Orleans United Church (see page 24)  
Santa's pancake Breakfast, Blackburn community hall (see page 21)  
Fifty Plus Group Christmas Potluck Dinner, Blackburn Community Centre (see page 25)  
Advent Lessons and Carols, Church 2750 Navan Rd  
Knit & Craft Night, St. Mary's Parish House  
Bible Study, St. Mary's Parish House  
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Mon. 24, 7:00 pm  
7:30 pm  
8:30 pm  
10:00 pm  
Tues. 25, 10:00 am

Carols and Christmas Music Louis Riel High School  
Christmas Eve Service & Eucharist (with a focus on Children), Louis Riel High School  
Community Christmas Party, Louis Riel High School  
Eucharist, Church 2750 Navan Rd  
Christmas morning Eucharist, Church 2750 Navan Rd

## January

Tues. 8, 7:30 pm  
Mon. 14, 7:00 pm  
Wed. 16  
Thurs. 17  
Tues. 22, 7:30 pm

Knit & Craft Night, St. Mary's Parish House  
Poetry Reading Night, St. Mary's Parish House  
Banar Deadline (see page 4)  
BCA Annual General Meeting (see page 4)  
Knit & Craft Night, St. Mary's Parish House

## Upcoming

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tues. of every month  
Sun. Feb. 10, 7:30 pm

Sat. Feb. 16, 1 - 3 pm  
Sat. Feb. 16

Thurs. Feb. 28, 7:00 pm  
March Break, March 10 - 14  
Mon. March 10, 10 am - 5 pm  
Tues. March 18, 7:00 pm

### Knit & Craft Night at St. Mary's Parish House

Concert Series featuring Rob Chipperton as MC. Music and poetry, Church 2750 Navan Rd  
Blackburn Winter Fun Day at Hornets Nest (www.blackburnhamlet.ca)  
St. Mary's Annual Silent Auction. Louis Riel High School. Watch for details. (www.stmarysblackburn.ca)  
Feng Shui (see page 24)  
Teen Resume Individual Tutorials (see page 24)  
St. John's Babysitting Course (see page 24)  
Home Décor (see page 24)

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